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: INK JET PRINTING MODULE

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AMENDMENT

In response to the action mailed July 24, 2002 ("Office Action"), and action mailed November 4, 2002 ("Advisory Action"), please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 21, 29, and 46 as follows:

--1. (Amended) A method of manufacturing an ink jet printing module comprising:

contacting a first component of an ink jet printing module having a surface with a [patterned] thermoplastic bonding component, the thermoplastic bonding component having dimensions of a surface of the first component; and

heating the surface to bond the surface to the [patterned] thermoplastic bonding component.--

--21. (Amended) A method of manufacturing an ink jet printing module comprising:

contacting a first component of an ink jet printing module having a surface with a thermoplastic bonding component, the thermoplastic bonding component having dimensions of a surface of the first component;

contacting a second component of the ink jet printing module having a surface with the thermoplastic bonding component; and

heating the surface to bond the surfaces to the thermoplastic bonding component.